

**A proclamation set furth by the Kinges Maiestie With the aduise
of his highnes most honorable priuy Counsaill, concernyng casters, and
spreaders abrode of flanderous and sedicious billes,
the xx. day. of May in the. v. yere of his most
prosperous reigne,**



Orasmuche as diuers lewde and sedicious periones, minding to sowe
contencion in diuers partes of this realme, haue of their malicious and
cankered affections, forged and made many flanderous and wicked
billes, aswell against the kinges maiesties most honorable Counsaill,
as againste other noble personages within this Realme. And thesame
billes hath spred and cast abrode in stretes and in diuers other places,
and hath fastened thesame, at suche priuie corners where they thoughte
they might best publishe their conceiued malice: The Auctors where of
(because they haue wrought their malice so couertly) cannot easely be founde out to be punished accor-
ding to thelawes, statutes and proclamations made in that behalf. And yet neuerthelesse their deuclish
deuise taketh place and effect for that the saide billes haue not bene broken, defaced and destroyed imme-
diatly, after they haue bene founde, not only to the flander and infamy of many godly and wel disposed
periones and defacing of their wel doinges in the common wealth, but also to the maintenaunce and in-
couraging of suche malefactorz to perseuer and continue in their lewdenes: Therefore the kinges Ma-
iestie with the aduise of his most honorable counsaill straightly chargeth and commaundeth al and sin-
guler his louing subiectes to whose handes any suche flanderous Billes or Writtinges shall come, or
that shall finde them caste abrode, or se them fastened to post, piller, or other place, thesame shall by the
aucthoritie of this proclamation furthwith without further delay, breake, burne, destroy or deface with-
out shewing them to any other persone or persons, that the effect and meaning of thesaide bil may not a-
peare and be conserued therby. And whosoever after his or their sight, reading or knowlege therof,
shall suffer thesame billes to stand still or remaine not destroyed, nor defaced, as is beforesayde, or shall
publishe thesame to any other by any manner of meanes, thesame shall be taken and punished as the Auc-
tor, maker and deuisor of thesame, and being brought before a Justice of the peace lefully conuicted, shall
suffer imprisonment and make fine at the kinges maiesties pleasure,

God saue the King

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